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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING
COMMITTEE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING KABUL MAY 6-10

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1. MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS ABDELLAH BENKIRANE INFORMED US APRIL 21 THAT MOROCCO WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT NACC FONMINS' MEETING IN KABUL BY OBSERVER DELEGATION HEADED BY SAAD EDDINE TAIEB, MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN, AND INCLUDING MFA DEPDIR FOR IO AFFAIRS ALI KANDI). BENKIRANE INDICATED THAT PRIMARY PURPOSE OF MOROCCAN PRESENCE WAS TO DEFEND THROUGH INFORMAL CONTACTS THE MOROCCAN POSITION ON SAHARA ISSUE, IN VIEW OF LIKELIHOOD THAT ALGERIANS WOULD PRESS FOR ANTI-MOROCCAN MOVES.

2. DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS PARA 5 REFTEL (A), WE REVIEWED WITH BENKIRANE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN AFRICA, SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, GUAM, PUERTO RICO, KOREA, AND HUMAN RIGHTS. TIME CONSTRAINTS PREVENTED COVERING OTHER ISSUES. (DURING MEETING WITH DIRECTOR FOR AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
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BELKORA APRIL 20, WE COVERED IN DETAIL U.S. POSITION ON PUERTO RICO CONTAINED REFTEL (B), LEAVING AIDE MEMOIRE DRAWN FROM PARA 8, AND ALSO OUTLINED U.S. POSITION ON GUAM.)

3. BENKIRANE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT IT UNLIKELY NACC WOULD CONSENT TO ANY ATTEMPTS AT RAISING PUERTO RICO AND GUAM.

THESE WERE SECONDARY QUESTIONS FROM NON-ALIGNED POINT OF VIEW,
WERE ALREADY ON AGENDA OF UN, AND NACC HAD ENOUGH BURNING
ISSUES CLOSER TO HOME.

4. ON MIDDLE EAST, BENKIRANE STRESSED IMPORTANCE TO MOROCCO
AND OTHER ARABS OF RAPID ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTHERN
LEBANON. HE AGREED IT WOULD BE BEST FOR NON-ALIGNED TO
AVOID TAKING ANY POSITIONS ON MIDDLE EAST WHICH MIGHT HAMPER
CURRENT PEACE EFFORTS. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT USG SHOULD
GIVE SUPPORTERS OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS "MORE TO WORK
WITH" IN SUCH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. CURRENT PEACE
PROCESS, IN HIS VIEW, WAS DRAGGING ON TOO LONG WITHOUT
CONCRETE PROGRESS.

5. BENKIRANE ALSO EXPRESSED GOM'S CONCERN AT CUBAN
PROMINENCE IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, AND HOPED THAT OTHER
OTHER INFLUENTIAL, TRULY NON-ALIGNED STATES COULD ASSUME
INCREASED LEADERSHIP IN ORDER TO COUNTER THE CUBAN ROLE.

6. FOR ISLAMABAD AND KABUL. EMBASSIES MAY WISH TO TOUCH
BASE RE NACC MEETING WITH MOROCCAN DELEGATION HEAD, WHO IS A
FORMER MOROCCAN DCM IN WASHINGTON.
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